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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation Application of pending PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/00604 filed on January 23, 2002 which claims priority of German Appln. No. 101 05 542.0 filed February 7, 2001 of:

**Ralph RONNEBURGER and Matthias BENZ**

entitled: **Lubricating Oil Supply System For The Connecting Rod Bearings Of A Crankshaft Of A Multi-Cylinder Internal-Combustion Engine**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including Twelve (12) claims (pages 1-10).
2. Two (2) sheets of X Formal    Informal drawings showing Figs. 1-3.
3. An Application Data Sheet (Two (2) pages).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 101 05 542.0 filed in Germany on February 7, 2001.
5. Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of pending PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/00604 filed on January 23, 2002.
6. An Information Disclosure Statement w/Form PTO-1449 including the International Search Report and nine (9) references.

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Total Filing Fee						x \$42/84 = \$
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